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Subject: RE: Warm Springs Meeting next Tuesday
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Thank you so much! We look forward to your presence at both meetings. I believe Wenona has just forwarded you the calendar invitation for the September 18 pre-meeting.

The meeting on September 24 will be at the Fire Management Conference Room, [4226 Holliday Street, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761](#). We will be finalizing the calendar invitation and sending out an update with the location and other relevant details in the next day or two.

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Hi Sarah,

I will attend the September 24th meeting from 9a to 5p, to show state director level support for the needs of Warm Springs. Please let me know the meeting location. Also, I will be available for the pre-meeting call the 18th at 9a. Please provide call-in information.

Thank you!

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Hi John,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. I appreciate hearing your perspective that it is most efficient for the tribe to have a single point of contact at Rural Development, in this case, Water and Wastewater Program Director Sam Goldstein. We have been extremely fortunate to have Sam involved in the interagency funder group and appreciate his longstanding work with the tribe to find solutions for their water system needs. While the water system infrastructure remains the top priority, this interagency funder group is also working with the tribe on several wastewater and landfill infrastructure needs, as well as housing. We've had multiple USDA-RD representatives involved in these different efforts. For instance, after speaking with Wes Cochran and Faith Harris in the USDA-RD multi-family division, the WS Housing Authority is considering applying for a 533 Housing Preservation Grant.

We certainly respect your and USDA's choice on who to have involved in this effort, but we wanted to let you know that the September 24 meeting has a special focus on building trust and relationships with tribal council. For this reason, we think it's important that the tribe hear from top federal leaders, including those that represent the whole region or state, rather than one division, that they have a commitment from our federal agencies to uphold our federal trust responsibility. Thus far, we have confirmed senior level participation of Jeff McMorris, HUD Region 10 Administrator; Bryan Mercier, BIA Regional Director, Northwest Region; Dan Opalski, EPA Region 10 Water Division Director; and CDR Craig J. Haugland, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, IHS. Given your long relationship with the tribes, I think your presence would be especially meaningful. If you are able to consider joining us on September 24, we would be most appreciative. Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to discuss.

Best regards,

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Good morning Sarah,

I have been working very hard to keep the Warm Springs efforts compartmentalized by having our Water and Wastewater Program Director Sam Goldstein (copied) as the sole contact for this effort. I represented the Tribes in the Oregon Legislature for more than 10 years, so I am very sympathetic to their needs. However, those years also gave me insight, on numerous occasions, where they would have multiple people working on the same request. This was never an efficient use of anyone's time.

A most recent event was the Tribe working with their State Representative Daniel Bonham to get nearly \$8M of state money for their water problems without informing Daniel of the multi-agency group that has been meeting to find solutions for their water needs. I certainly don't oppose the state investment, but all of these efforts and decisions need to be open and transparent. It is best for the Tribes and for Rural Development for Alyssa Macey and her team to know that Sam is the point person for Rural Development.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Huffman:

We're looking forward to having you participate in the interagency funders' meeting with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, next Tuesday, September 24, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Are you available to join us for a federal leaders pre-meeting this Wednesday, September 18 at 9 a.m., to discuss communications regarding the federal role and commitments? The meeting will be with Jeff McMorris, HUD Region 10 Administrator, Bryan Mercier, BIA Regional Director, Dan Opalski, EPA Region 10 Water Division Director, and Craig Haugland, IHS Acting Sanitation Facilities Division Director.

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